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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRASILIA 2523

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PRESS REPORTS PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO PRESIDENT GEISEL

REF: BRASILIA 2489 (NOTAL)

1. MAJOR METROPOLITAN DAILIES O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO, JORNAL DO BRASIL (RIO), AND O GLOBO (RIO), CARRIED FRONT-PAGE REPORTS MARCH 31 TO THE EFFECT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD SENT RECENT LETTER TO PRESIDENT GEISEL. O ESTADO VERSION CLAIMED LETTER SOUGHT TO "CLARIFY DOUBTS THAT HAVE ARISEN IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND SET FORTH THE PROSPECT OF A MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO." O ESTADO ALSO REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT'S LETTER EXPLAINED U.S. POSITION ON NON-PROLIFERATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS, STRESSING PRESIDENT'S DESIRE IN IMPROVING RELATIONS AND MAINTAINING CLOSE UNDERSTANDING WITH BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES. O ESTADO VERSION CONCLUDED BY SAYING THE LETTER SHOULD BE OFFICIALLY RELEASED BY THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. CITING SOURCE AS WHITE HOUSE FUNCTIONARY AS WALTER WYRFEL (SIC), JORNAL DO BRASIL REPORTED THAT WHITE HOUSE CONFIRMED EXISTENCE OF SUCH A LETTER BUT CONFIDENTIAL

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HAD SAID THAT QUESTION OF RELEASE WAS UP TO BRASILIA. ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS, WHITE HOUSE SOURCE SAID INFORMATION ON THAT SCORE COULD BE PART OF TEXT OF THE LETTER. O GLOBO CLAIMED PLANALTO PALACE COULD RELEASE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TODAY. O GLOBO ADDS THAT IN LETTER CARTER EXPRESSES DESIRE THAT RELATIONSHIP

BASED ON LONGSTANDING TIES CONTINUE IN SPIRIT OF
SINCERE MUTUAL COOPERATION. O GLOBO CONCLUDES THAT
BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT, RELEASING THE LETTER,
COULD BE TRYING TO SHOW INCORRECTNESS OF CURRENT
SPECULATIONS ABOUT AN IMPASSE IN US-BRAZILIAN RELATIONS
BECAUSE OF CARTER'S POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. REPORTS OF CARTER-GEISEL LETTER WHICH APPARENTLY BEGAN
BEFORE PRESS REPORTS, ARE NOW WIDESPREAD AS A RESULT OF GOB
EFFORTS. WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL INQUIRIES FROM LOCALLY BASED
CORRESPONDENTS AND FROM FELLOW DIPLOMATS, SOME OF WHOM HAVE
BEEN APPROACHED BY GOB OFFICIALS. WE HAVE HEARD FROM ABSOLUTELY
RELIABLE PRESS SOURCE THAT HIS PAPER WAS SOUGHT OUT AND TOLD
ABOUT LETTER EARLY EVENING OF MARCH 30 BY PRESIDENT OF THE
CONGRESS PETRONIO PORTELLA (WHO WOULD NOT DO SUCH A THING
WITHOUT DIRECTION.) IN RESPONSE TO PRESS INQUIRIES, WE ARE
STATING THAT WE HAVE NO COMMENT ON ANY CORRESPONDENCE
BETWEEN CHIEFS OF STATE.
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